Dear Team PJ Day,

What you have done, this year of all years, is more appreciated and impressive than you can imagine. We know it was not easy taking on yet another responsibility during these trying times, but you made history and real change for kids and families at Connecticut Children's, $1 at a time. Together, a record-breaking $396,000 was raised this year, with $1.4 million dollars raised to date.

Simply put – the incredible amount of funding PJ Day provides, year after year, has changed the landscape of cancer care and outcomes at Connecticut Children's. At nearly half-million dollars annually - and growing, Connecticut Children's is able to invest in the research and care that is making real change for kids battling cancer today and tomorrow.

Connecticut Children's reputation for world-class cancer care is serving families from a larger area across Southern New England—giving even more kids a chance at life. More than 100 children are diagnosed with cancer every year at Connecticut Children's. Because of your support, Dr. Michael Isakoff, Clinical Director at the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, is expanding his current program of 83 clinical trials to offer patients with difficult-to-treat cancers more options and a better chance of success. Children in our area no longer need to travel far away from home to receive the best care possible.

PJ Day funding not only helps to find treatments and cures, but also supports families who are fighting alongside their children. Just this year you have helped support 30 families, financially and emotionally, so they can focus their energy on being the best advocate for their children. Until there is a cure for all cancers, PJ Day will continue to support families facing the unimaginable.

Though the pandemic had seemingly put life as we know it on hold, cancer was not cancelled. You took on the challenge of continuing PJ Day in spite of life's circumstances. ***This year, with fewer schools and businesses participating, you helped raise more funds than last year!***

Again, your efforts are impressive and appreciated beyond words. Thank you and everyone who overcame extreme obstacles to support kids at Connecticut Children's. We look forward to continuing this momentum for the 11th Annual PJ Day for the Kids on December 10, 2021.

Thank you,

Tara Wesoloskie and Family - Founders of PJ Day for the Kids